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HISTORICAL NOTES.

OUR FIRST FIRE DEPARTMENT.—“Three Fire-Engines for the Use of this Town are come over from *England* in the *Live-Oak*.”—*The South-Carolina Gazette*, November 7, 1754.

MIDDLETON-IZARD.—The following marriage notice was inadvertently omitted from Salley's *Marriage Notices in The South-Carolina Gazette and Its Successors*:

August “19th, *Arthur Middleton*, Esq; was married to Miss *Polly IZard*, daughter of *Walter IZard*, Esq.; deceased.” (Monday, October 8, 1764.)

A FLOATING BATTERY IN 1813.—It has generally been believed of late years that the floating battery constructed in Charleston Harbor at the beginning of the State's Rights War, under direction of Gen. Trapier, from plans furnished to Gen. Beauregard by the late Wm. Gilmore Simms, was the first of its kind—in this part of the world at least. But the following paragraph from the *City Gazette and Commercial Daily Advertiser* for Wednesday, March 31, 1813, shows that the idea, at least, was not a new one to Charleston:

“As the defence of the city is a subject which at present occupies much of the attention of the citizens, and particularly the ‘Committee of Twenty-One,’ who have the subject under their more immediate attention, we have deemed the present a favorable moment to publish the article in the preceding columns on the utility, construction and expense of a new and ingenious Floating Battery, which we respectfully recommend to the attention of our readers.”

The article referred to was clipped from the New York *Western Star*, and gives the plans in detail for constructing a floating battery.

THE CAPTURE OF FORT MCINTOSH, 1777.—In the last issue of this magazine there was reprinted (pp. 261-262) an account from *The South-Carolina and American General Gazette* of February 27, 1777, of the capture, by Lt.-Col Fuser, of the garrison at Fort McIntosh, Ga., under command of

Capt. Richard Winn. The following later account is from *The Gazette, of the State of South-Carolina* for Wednesday, April 9, 1777:

"Part of the half-starved garison of St. Augustine, under the command of Lieutenant Col. Valentine Fuser, with a body of Indians, and Irregulars, led by a certain Mr. Brown, and some field pieces, lately made an effort, to procure some *fresh meat* from Georgia, by a sudden irruption into the Southern part of that state. They conquered a small stockade fort, unprovided with cannon, and garisoned by about 30 men, at Satilly: They kept possession of it three days, till they heard that some Continental troops and militia were on march to intercept them, then burnt the fort, and returned to the place from whence they were sent. *The glories of this important enterprise, we shall, without doubt, in due time, see fully displayed in the New-York Mercury and London Gazette.*

One of the gallies belonging to the state of Georgia, has, since the above affair, taken a schooner in St. Mary's river, laden with rice in bulk, destined for St. Augustine."

MOULTRIE.—The following additions are offered to the Moultrie family history published in the last issue of this magazine:

"DIED.]" * * * "On the 10th Instant, Dr. John Moultrie, aged 71 years; a Gentleman of Eminence in his Profession, universally beloved in Life, and whose Death is much lamented."—*The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal*, Tuesday, December 17, 1771.

"The King's Commission having been received, appointing the Honourable John Moultrie, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of His Majesty's Province of Georgia, the Council of that Province have presented a congratulatory Address to that Gentlemen, highly complimentary, at the same Time, to His Excellency Governor Grant."—*The South-Carolina Gazette*, Thursday, October 24, 1771.

"The Reader is desired to correct two Errors in our last Paper, under the Charles-Town head, viz.—Where the Hon. John Moultrie, Esq; is mentioned as Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, read *East Florida*."—*Ibid*, Thursday, November 7, 1771.

A BILL OF SALE OF RICE, 1762.—The original of the following bill of sale of rice in 1762 was recently presented to the South Carolina Historical Society by Dr. John W. Jordan, of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania:

Sales of Twenty five whole and seven half Tierces of Rice Imported in the Brig^a. Hawke George Snow Master on Accont & Risque of Mr.. Anthony Clarkson of Charles Town South Carolina—Viz^t.—

Time when sold }		Purchasers Names	Tierces of Rice		wt. of Do..	half Tierces of Rice -		wt. of Do..	Price	£. s. d.		
1760												
Novem ^r .	8	Samuel Elliot	3	1456					at 25/	19	0	—
	11	Christr. Hodge	1	469					at 27/	6	11	7½
	14	William Maxwell	2	935					at 25/	12	3	9
		Nathaniel Gilbert	3	1433					at do.,	18	13	3
	15	George Savage				1	250		at do.	3	5	—
		Esa. of James Emra	1	493					at do.	6	8	3
	18	Esa. of Edward Otto Bayer	2	970					at do.	12	12	6
		Timothy Clerkley	2	1000					at do.	13	2	0
	19	Francis Farley	1	492					at do.	6	8	—
		Hunter Morson & Co.	10	6467		6			at 22/	74	7	8¾
			25	13723		7	250		—	172	12	1¼
				250								
				13973	Nt.							

Charges on the above Sales—

Viz^t.—

1760		To freight of 25 whole & 7 half Tierces of Rice wt.			
Novem ^r	21	13973 at £9., 10/3 Ton Consisting of 3000 Nt.—44., 4-11½			
		To Cooperage, Wharfage, and Porteridge @			
		18d. 3 Trs. and half Trs. 9d. }			
		To my Commissions on 172., 12., 1¼ @ 7½ 3 Ct.			
			12., 18., 10¾	59"	6 7¼
		To Anthony Clarkson his Acct. Curt. for		£ 113	5 6
		the Nt. proceeds			

Antigua October 30th. 1762.~

Errors Excepted

Alex^r Willock

Endorsed: Mr. Alexand Willock

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Alexander Willock

8th. November 1760

Sales of 32 bbls of Rice

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